MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The foodgrains production target for the current year (1988-89) has been fixed at 166.57 million tonnes keeping in view the potential already created in the country. The actual production might exceed the target.

(b) Does not arise.

Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme

368. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to cover non-loanee farmers also under the comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme; and

(b) if so, by when this proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The long-term changes in the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) including coverage of non-Japanee farmers are under the consiration of the Government. A decision in the matter is likely to be taken shortly.

369. [Transferred to the 2nd March, 1989].

Reduction in Subsidy on Fertilizers

370. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government's proposal to reduce fertilizer subsidy and also to extend the time limit depreciation of fertilizer plants has put the fertilizer indusry in jeopardy; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure smooth functioning of the fertilizers industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The proposal to rationalise the retention price scheme by fixing differential levels of capacity utilisation and longer economic life of plant and machinery while reducing the subsidy will also enable the fertilizer manufacturing units to function more efficiently.

Plan of Action for Revival of Country's Rural Economy

371. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some experts have suggested a plan of action for reviving the country's rural economy, including freedom to the farmers to sell their produce by removing all controls on movement, processing, marketing and trade of farm products; and

(b) fi so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Suburban Rail Transport System in Delhi

372. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision regarding the investment in a suburban rail transport system in Delhi; and

(b) if not, at what stage does it rest now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a)